

Assembly Bill No. 610

CHAPTER 9

An act to add and repeal Section 5156.1 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 610, Solorio. Vehicles: specialized license plates: Veterinary Medical Board.

(1) Under existing law, the Department of Motor Vehicles issues environmental and other specialized license plates. The issuance of some of those license plates is subject to additional fees. Existing law prohibits the department from establishing a specialized license plate program for a state agency until the department has received not less than 7,500 applications for the plates within 12 months after the date of the department's approval of the agency's initial application to sponsor a specialized license plate program.

This bill would authorize the Veterinary Medical Board to contact the department by June 30, 2012, and indicate its intent to undertake collection of additional applications and fees or deposits for an additional period of 12 months in order to obtain the minimum 7,500 applications for a special license plate the board is seeking to sponsor pursuant to existing law. The bill would make this provision inoperative on July 1, 2013, and would repeal this provision on January 1, 2014.

(2) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 5156.1 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

5156.1. (a) Notwithstanding paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 5156, the Veterinary Medical Board may by June 30, 2012, contact the department and indicate its intent to undertake collection of additional applications and fees or deposits for an additional period not to exceed 12 months in order to obtain the minimum 7,500 applications for a license plate it is sponsoring. If the board elects to exercise the option under this subdivision, it shall contact each applicant who has submitted an application with the appropriate fees or deposits to determine if the applicant wishes a refund of fees or deposits or requests the continuance of the holding of the application and fees or deposits until that time that the board has received

7,500 applications. The board shall refund the fees or deposits to an applicant so requesting. The board shall not collect and hold applications for a period exceeding 36 months following the date of approval of the board's initial application to sponsor a specialized license plate program.

(b) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2013, and, as of January 1, 2014, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2014, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to ensure that the pilot program for a specialized license plate becomes operative as soon as possible to allow the Veterinary Medical Board to support the critically important efforts of city and county animal shelters to address serious animal care and control problems facing the state, it is necessary that this act go into effect immediately.